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Energy & Technology Committee—March 16, 2010

S.B. No. 460 AN ACT CONCERNING LOW-INCOME ENERGY RATES.

This proposed bill would require the DPUC to investigate the means to establish a low income discount rate, and then require the state's utilities to submit proposed rates consistent with the findings of that investigation. ***We support this bill.***

We agree that the DPUC should examine all limited income programs in place today to determine the benefits and costs of implementing a new discount rate. We look forward to assisting the DPUC with information about our limited income programs. Any discount program results in higher costs to other customers, and the proposed bill appropriately calls on the DPUC to examine whether funding for the new program can be provided, as least in part, from modification or cessation of existing programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this bill.